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TO : Director, FBI (62-96541) ~~CONFIDENTIAL~~ DATE: November 9, 1955

FROM : SAC, Cincinnati (100-11992)

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Confidential Informants, who have furnished reliable information in the past and who are familiar with certain phases of Communist Party activities in the Columbus, Dayton, and Ohio Valley areas were contacted regarding captioned organization and could furnish no information regarding the existence of any chapters of that group in those areas.

The informants contacted in this matter are identified as follows:

<u>Symbol</u>	<u>Date Contacted</u>	<u>Contacted By</u>
<u>COLUMBUS, OHIO AREA</u>		
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	SA [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	SA [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	SA [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	SA [REDACTED]
<u>DAYTON, OHIO AREA</u>		
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
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lcc: Dallas (100-9734) (RM)

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Letter to Director

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[REDACTED] b1	[REDACTED]	SA [REDACTED] b1 (C)
[REDACTED] b2 b7D	[REDACTED] b7D	SA [REDACTED] b7C
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Date: 12/5/55

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From SAC,

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To:

DIRECTOR, FBI (62-96541)

THE AMERICAN G. I. FORUM OF TEXAS, INC.

Aka.

(Dallas, Texas, Branch)

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Re O-1 Form received by Dallas Office 11/22/55,
by which Dallas Office advised Bureau that report would be
submitted by 12/6/55.

This deadline cannot now be met, because Agent
to whom case assigned engaged in urgent IS - R surveillance
past several days.

Report will be submitted by 12/19/55.

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- ③ - Director (AM) (REGISTERED MAIL)
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Mr. Belmont

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Mr. Nichols	
Mr. Boardman	
Mr. Belmont	
Mr. Mason	
Mr. Mohr	
Mr. Parsons	
Mr. Rosen	
Mr. Tamm	
Mr. Nease	
Mr. Winterrowd	
Tele. Room	
Mr. Holloman	
Miss Gandy	

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (62-96541)

DATE: 12-13-55

PWC
FROM : SAC, KANSAS CITY (100-10520)uP
SUBJECT: THE AMERICAN G. I. FORUM OF TEXAS, Inc.
aka G. I. Forum, American G. I. Forum
(Dallas, Texas Branch)
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(OO - Dallas)

Reference is made to the Kansas City letter to Bureau dated October 31, 1955.

For the information of the Bureau and Dallas, extensive investigation was conducted at Wichita and Hutchinson, Kansas concerning the formation of chapters of the above-captioned organization. This investigation failed to indicate that chapters of the subject organization are in existence in Wichita and Hutchinson. Information was received however that a chapter of the G. I. Forum of Texas had been formed, at Newton, Kansas. Investigation is being conducted at Newton, Kansas to determine the officers of the chapter and to determine if any Communist influence is present in this chapter.

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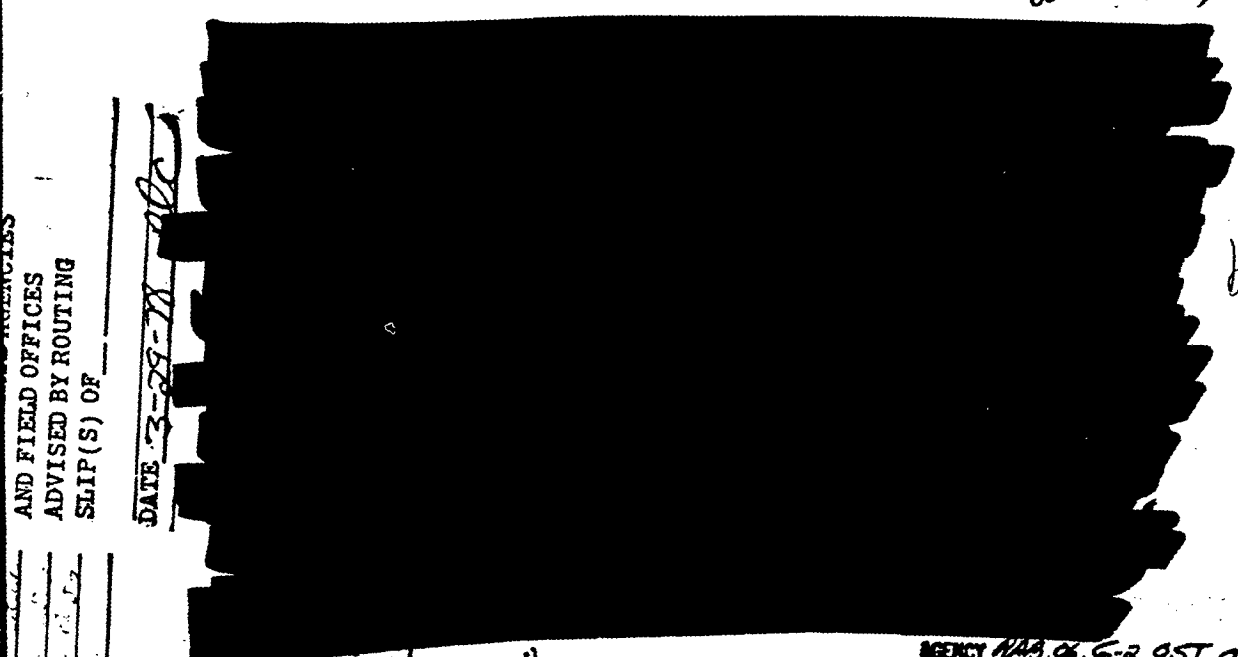




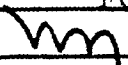

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATIONFORM NO. 1
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REPORT MADE AT DALLAS, TEXAS	DATE WHEN MADE 12/16/55	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 11/23; 12/5-7; 12-14/55	REPORT MADE BY  b7c SES
TITLE THE AMERICAN G. I. FORUM OF TEXAS, INC., aka. GI Forum, American G. I. Forum (Dallas, Texas Chapter)			CHARACTER OF CASE INTERNAL SECURITY - C
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:  are 1-12, b7c b7D			
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DETAILS:

AT DALLAS, TEXAS

I. ORIGIN AND BACKGROUND OF ORGANIZATION

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A review of information previously reported reflects that the Dallas Chapter of instant organization was organized in Dallas on September 29, 1954.

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VI. MISCELLANEOUS

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] on November 23, 1955, advised that while attending [REDACTED] he became acquainted with [REDACTED]. He said that through the [REDACTED] he was invited to join the GI Forum in Dallas. [REDACTED]

He stated he met several individuals at those meetings, including an [REDACTED]

LTCY,
He observed that most of the GI Forum literature appeared to deal with the problem of discrimination against Latin-American persons. He said that he was surprised to see several high-caliber persons interested in this organization, and he noted that the group did not appear to be interested in "screening" new members. He has not attended any meetings since about [REDACTED]

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Confidential Informants of the San Antonio, El Paso, Kansas City, Salt Lake City, Denver, Albuquerque, Cincinnati, Cleveland, and Phoenix offices who were contacted during August, September, and October, 1955, have advised that they have no information that any of the GI Forum chapters within those divisions are controlled or dominated by the Communist Party.

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The Confidential Informants of the San Antonio, El Paso, Kansas City, Salt Lake City, Denver, Albuquerque, Cincinnati, Cleveland and Phoenix offices mentioned under "VI MISCELLANEOUS" of instant report, have been identified for the Bureau's information in previous communications by each of those offices to the Bureau. Inasmuch as those informants are many in number and furnished only negative information, same are not being again identified in instant report for sake of brevity.

LEADS

SAN ANTONIO (INFORMATION)

One copy of this report is being furnished San Antonio inasmuch as it contains information identifying

[REDACTED] b7c

HOUSTON

At Houston, Texas

Will report results of contacts with informants advising whether the Houston chapter or other chapters of the GI Forum within the Houston division are controlled and dominated by the CP. (Lead previously set forth in Dallas letter to Bureau 7/25/55.) (Houston also refer to Dallas letter to Houston 9/26/55.)

DALLAS

At Dallas, Texas

Will follow and report the activities of Dallas chapter, GI Forum.

REFERENCES: Report of SA [REDACTED], Dallas, 5/20/55. b7c
Dallas letter to Bureau 7/25/55.
Dallas letter to Houston 9/26/55.

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SAC, Kansas City (100-10520)

December 20, 1955

Director, FBI (62-96541)

THE AMERICAN G. I. FORUM OF TEXAS, INCORPORATED
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

Reurlet October 31, 1955, in which you advised that investigation was being conducted in an effort to determine if chapters of the captioned organization have been formed in certain cities in your territory.

It is desired that the Bureau be promptly advised as to the status of this matter in your office.

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **HOUSTON**

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1-Salt Lake City (Info.) (RM)
1-San Antonio (100-7842) (Info.) (RM)
2-Houston (100-8638)

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DETAILS (Continued)

November 22, 1955, that he has knowledge of captioned organization and its activities. [REDACTED]

Dallas Group

Dr. HECTOR GARCIA of Corpus Christi, Texas, who is in the capacity of Temporary National President of what is known as a "Federation or Council of State G.I. Forums".

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AT HOUSTON, TEXAS

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whom have furnished reliable information in the past, both of
advised on October 13, 1955, and September 20, 1955, respec-
tively, that they have not been aware of the existence of

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any branch of the AMERICAN G.I. FORUM in the Houston, Texas, area, nor have they been aware that any COMMUNIST PARTY members in this area may have been connected with that organization. It is noted that [REDACTED] are individuals who have had knowledge of COMMUNIST PARTY activities in the Houston area during recent years. b2, b7D

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Houston is being carried as office of origin in this case since reports have previously been submitted by the Houston Office regarding investigation of the G.I. FORUM in the Houston Division.

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It is noted [REDACTED] has indicated a desire to co-operate with the FBI in any way wherein he might be of assistance. [REDACTED] b7c

LEADS

DALLAS DIVISION

One copy of this report is furnished Dallas for information inasmuch as this report includes information pertaining to the activities of the G.I. FORUM in this division.

DENVER DIVISION

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SAN ANTONIO DIVISION

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REFERENCES: Dallas letter to Houston, 7/25/55.

Dallas letter to Houston, 9/26/55.

Report of SA [REDACTED], Dallas, 12/16/55, entitled "THE AMERICAN G.I. FORUM OF TEXAS, INC., aka. GI Forum, American G.I. Forum (Dallas, Texas Chapter); IS-C". b7c

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SAC, Dallas

January 26, 1956

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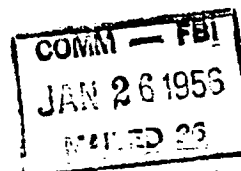
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there is enclosed one copy of a self-explanatory memorandum
dated January 23, 1956, which was received from the Department.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (62-96541)

FROM : *SW* SAC, KANSAS CITY (100-10520)

DATE: 1-31-56

SUBJECT: THE AMERICAN G. I. FORUM OF TEXAS, Inc.
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 (Dallas, Texas Branch)
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Reference is made to Kansas City letter to Bureau dated 12-13-55 and Bureau letter to Kansas City dated 12-20-55.

For the information of the Bureau and Dallas, investigation is presently being conducted at Newton, Kansas and information has been received that several meetings of the local G. I. Forum Chapter have been held in Newton. Information has been further received to the effect that this chapter is composed entirely of Mexican males who claim that the forum is merely a social organization.

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[REDACTED] Information was also developed to the effect that there are G. I. Forum members at Wichita and Hutchinson, Kansas, but to date this information has not been verified.

Investigation is continuing at Newton, Wichita and Hutchinson to develop the identities of the officers of these chapters.

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AGENCY <u>100-4461</u> REQ. REC'D <u>8-5-55</u> REPT. FORM. <u>8-24-55</u> BY <u>W.H. J.C.</u>		CHARACTER OF CASE INTERNAL SECURITY - C	
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ADMINISTRATIVE DATA

The report of SA [REDACTED], Houston, 12/31/55, captioned "THE AMERICAN G. I. FORUM OF TEXAS, INC., aka G. I. FORUM, AMERICAN G. I. FORUM (Houston Division)", reflects results of investigation by the Houston Office to determine whether any Chapters of the GI Forum in that Division are controlled and dominated by the Communist Party. b7c

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LEADS

DALLAS:

AT DALLAS, TEXAS

Will follow and report further efforts of the Communist Party to dominate and control instant organization.

REFERENCES

Report of SA [REDACTED], Dallas, 12/16/55.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (62-96541)

DATE: 3/7/56

FROM : *Wym* SAC, DALLAS (100-9734)SUBJECT: THE AMERICAN G. I. FORUM
OF TEXAS, INC., Aka.
(Dallas, Texas Branch)
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OO - Dallas

Re Kansas City letter to Bureau, dated 1/31/56.

Kansas City letters to the Bureau, dated 10/31/55, 12/13/55, and 1/31/56 reflect that considerable investigation has been conducted by the Kansas City Office to determine whether chapters of instant organization in Kansas are controlled and dominated by the Communist Party.

It is to be noted that there are many chapters of this organization in several States and to the present time the Dallas Office has no knowledge that any of the chapters of this organization are Communist controlled and dominated with the exception of the Dallas Chapter. The Dallas Chapter, during the early part of 1955, was so controlled and dominated, but at the present time such domination has lessened to the point where the Dallas Chapter at present is only infiltrated by Communist Party members. It is believed that it is not necessary to identify the officers of all G. I. FORUM Chapters to determine if there are any such chapters known to be under the control and domination of the Communist Party.

It is believed, therefore, that further investigation by the Kansas City Office is not warranted, since it appears from the above mentioned communications from Kansas City that confidential informants of that office have no information indicating Communist control and domination of G. I. FORUM Chapters in that area.

The Dallas Office will carry this case in a pending inactive status. Further efforts of the Communist Party to dominate and control instant organization will be followed by the Dallas Office through confidential informants.

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Office of the National Chairman

Phone TULip 3-5931



March 12, 1956

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DATE 8/30/85 BY SP6 BJA/18W

Honorable J. Edgar Hoover
The Attorney's General Department
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Hoover: *Am. G. I. Forum of Texas Inc*

First, again I want to thank you and congratulate you and your fine Department for the work that you have done in stopping Communism from infiltrating our Country. This organization from its beginning to the present time have thanked you and your Department for this work that we feel merits our gratitude and respect. This organization in the past as well as in the present wishes to express our feelings against all things that are Communistic, or communistic led or dominated.

For the last two years I have felt that there have been efforts by Communists in trying to infiltrate our organization which I know have been unsuccessful. Besides this, I believe organizations like the "Colorado Committee to Protect Civil Liberties" in Denver, Colorado are Communistic and will try to influence our people and by their own leadership movement may try to take over the Americans Of Mexican Origin in the U.S. In every case of suspicion we have always contacted the Local F.B.I. Offices and we have cooperated fully with them. I believe that, now, we need your help and your office.

We, as a minority group, know that we have our problems. However, we believe in solving the problems orderly and peacefully. We know that we have great faith in our Government and in the Democratic Processes. I believe that the best way to stop any inroads of Communistic ideas, philosophy or leadership amongst the Americans of Mexican Origin could be by your accepting our invitation to address any one of our State Conventions or preferably our National Convention which will be "Education Is Our Freedom and Freedom Should Be Everybody's Business"

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2--Honorable J. Edgar Hoover, March 12, 1956:

held in Colorado on June 23 and 24, 1956. We will have Four State Conventions as follows:

Kansas GI Forum Convention.....June 2 and 3.
New Mexico GI Forum Convention::June 9 and 10.
Colorado GI Forum Convention...(National Convention) on
June 23 and 24.
Texas GI Forum Convention.....July 7 and 8.

With all due consideration and respect, we humbly petition you to address the National Convention at Colorado on June 23 and 24. I feel that you will do us more good in Colorado since, personally, I believe that that is the State where the Communists are setting up to break and infiltrate into our Minority Group. As you know the ANMA (ASOCIACION NACIONAL MEXICO AMERICANO) had its headquarters there. They are on your subversive list. Now, "The Colorado Committee to Protect Civil Liberties", are in Denver. I believe that a warning by you at the National Convention Floor against being taken in by their propaganda that has allready started, would nip their plans early and stop them. Representatives from the following States from our organization would be there: Texas, New Mexico, Colorado, Kansas, Nebraska, Ohio, Utah and others. We could mimeograph your speech and distribute it after you make it, to be taken back by all delegates to their respective States. It would really be wonderful and helpful. I do hope that you consider it and we beg you to accept.

Our organization is poor. This is the first full year we have worked as a National Federation of State GI Forum groups. We can definitely pay your expenses both ways by air, plus your hotel expenses and a small fee for your services.

Senator Lyndon Johnson from Texas, Senator Dennis Chavez can tell you of the fine work of Americanism, Citizenship and Patriotism that we have done amongst our people. I feel that we have saved our minority group from being fooled or falling into the Communist hands. We are a patriotic organization willing to lay down our lives against Communism at any time. We feel that we need the help of a great American Leader and Patriot like J. Edgar Hoover. We know that your time is limited and that your work is heavy, but we would be grateful and honored by your presence and I know that your message would not only be Inspirational, but also perhaps even a God Sent to this Group of Americans who have always honored and loved their Country and who from their small and insignificant position have always looked up to the F.B.I. for Protection, for Patriotism and for Heroism.

Submitted to Mr. J. Edgar Hoover with all respect, admiration and faith from your friend and admirer.

AMERICAN GI FORUM

Hector P. Garcia, M.D.
National GI Forum Chairman

March 21, 1956

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Dr. Hector P. Garcia
National Chairman
American G. I. Forum
3024 Morgan Street
Corpus Christi, Texas

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Dear Dr. Garcia:

Your letter dated March 12, 1956, has been received, and I deeply appreciate the gracious invitation for me to address the National Convention or one of the State Conventions of the American G. I. Forum in June or July.

It would indeed be a pleasure to appear before your organization. I sincerely regret, however, that a large number of urgent matters demanding my close personal attention make it impossible for me to indicate an acceptance. My future schedule has been rendered extremely uncertain by these factors, and it is not possible for me to participate in such events for some time to come.

Your generous comments concerning the FBI and my direction of its activities are a source of real encouragement to all of us in this Bureau. I do hope that you will continue to contact our local offices whenever you come into possession of information which you feel would be of interest to the FBI.

Sincerely yours,
J. Edgar Hoover

cc - Houston, with copy to incoming

NOTE: Bufiles reflect nothing to preclude this letter to Dr. Garcia. Bufile 62-96541 reflects that attempts have been made by communists (SEE NEXT PAGE)

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Dr. Hector P. Garcia

March 21, 1956

to infiltrate various chapters of the American G. I. Forum and that Garcia has circulated information to the various chapters of this group warning members against communists and communist-front organizations and urged members to report any pertinent information to the FBI.

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (62-96541)

DATE: 3/27/56

FROM : SAC, KANSAS CITY (100-10520)

SUBJECT: THE AMERICAN G. I. FORUM
OF TEXAS, INC., aka G. I.
Forum, American G. I. Forum
(Dallas, Texas Branch)
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

Reference is made to Dallas letter to Bureau dated 3/7/56 wherein it was stated that it was not believed that further investigation by the Kansas City Office was warranted since it appears that investigation to date of the Kansas City Office has failed to indicate any Communist infiltration control or domination of the G. I. FORUM Chapters in the Kansas City territory.

For the information of the Bureau and Dallas, no further investigation is being conducted by the Kansas City Office in this matter.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI (62-96541)

DATE: 4/18/56

FROM : SAC, Kansas City (100-10520)

SUBJECT: THE AMERICAN G. I. FORUM OF TEXAS, INC.
aka G. I. Forum, American G. I. Forum
(Dallas, Texas, Branch)
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Mr. Boardman	_____
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Mr. Mohr	_____
Mr. Parsons	_____
Mr. Rosen	_____
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Miss Gandy	_____

Re KClet 3/27/56.

Transmitted herewith both to the Bureau and to Dallas is a copy of a letter received by this office 4/18/56 from G. A. TORREZ, Acting State Chairman of the American G.I. Forum of Kansas. The envelope bore the return address of "G. A. TORREZ, Chairman, American GI Forum of Kansas, 424 E. 1st, Wichita 2, Kansas". This letter has not been acknowledged.

This letter is being brought to the attention of the Bureau in order to determine if the Bureau desires that it be answered in view of the information requested which apparently emanates from the National Chairman DR. HECTOR P. GARCIA of this organization. It is also noted in the last paragraph of this letter that the National Chairman has asked the Director to speak at the National Convention of this organization at Denver, Colorado.

It is suggested that the Bureau may desire to answer this letter at the same time that the Director acknowledges the invitation to speak at the National Convention.

No further action is being taken by Kansas City UACB.

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AMERICAN GI FORUM OF KANSAS

Independent Veterans Organization
Post Office Box 936
Dodge City, Kansas

"Education is our Freedom and Freedom should be everybody's
business"

April 16, 1956

Agent-in-Charge
Federal Bureau of Investigation
401 N. Market
Wichita 2, Kansas

424 E 1st
Wichita 2, Kansas

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Dodge City, Kansas

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Dear Sir:

I have been ordered by our National Chairman, Dr. Hector P. Garcia, to contact your office and inform you as to the activities of this organization in Kansas and elsewhere.

We know that you have investigated at least one of our chapters here in Kansas. We would like to know why, and what reasons there were for such action. Was it initiated by some other vets organization, civic group, or by persons of Mexican descent in or out of the Forum? At Arkansas most of our members panicked and the impression was left with some that we were subversive.

To inform yourself as to the character of the Forum in other states you are to contact your Corpus Christi, Austin, Pubelo, and Denver officers. This organization has helped the FBI wherever there was suspicion of communism. We also ask your help so that we may keep abreast of what organizations are on the Attorney General's Subversive list, and what persons in Kansas are leftists or Communists, especially where persons of Mexican-descent are concerned.

We have chapters in Garden City, Dodge City, Newton, Wichita, and Arkansas, and contacts in other cities. We can, if you deem it necessary send you a list of all local officers and State officers. Also, their non-communist affidavits they are required to sign.

This year our State Convention will be held at the Broadview Hotel in Wichita, on June 2, 3. Our National Officers will be present as will officers from other States. If you shold want to have someone present you are welcome.

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I would like to know what information or what decisions you have reached as to the character of this organization in Kansas. If there is any doubt we would like to clear it up at once. I would also like to notify our Board of Directors of this.

Our National Chairman has asked Edgar Hoover to speak at the National Convention in Denver.

Sincerely yours,

G. A. TORREZ
Acting-state-chairman

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Mr. G. A. Torres
Acting State Chairman
American G.I. Forum of Kansas
Post Office Box 936
Dodge City, Kansas

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DATE 8/30/85 BY SP6DJL/mw

Dear Mr. Torres:

Your letter dated April 16, 1956, which
was addressed to the Federal Bureau of Investigation,
Wichita, Kansas, has been forwarded to me.

While I would like to be of assistance
in connection with your inquiry, I must advise that
data contained in the files of this Bureau is main-
tained as confidential and available for official
use only in accordance with a Departmental regu-
lation. I am sure you will understand the necessity
for this regulation and the reason for my inability
to be of assistance.

Furthermore, I must advise that the FBI,
as a fact-gathering agency, does not issue clearances
nor disapprovals of organizations under any circumstances.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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cc - Kansas City (100-10520) (See Note, Page 2)
cc - Dallas (100-97948) (See Note, Page 2)

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Letter to Mr. G. A. Torrez
Acting State Chairman
American G.I. Forum of Kansas
Post Office Box 936
Dodge City, Kansas

SACs, Kansas City & Dallas:

Relet dated 4-18-56 Kansas City to Bureau,
copy of which was designated for Dallas Office.

In regard to the last paragraph set out
in the correspondent's letter, copies of which
were forwarded by relet, the Director by personal
letter dated 3-21-56 informed Dr. Hector P. Garcia,
National Chairman, American G.I. Forum, Corpus
Christi, Texas, that the invitation to address the
national convention of the American G.I. Forum
had to be declined because of the large number
of urgent matters demanding the Director's attention.

Bureau files contain no information
identifiable with correspondent.

NOTE ON YELLOW:

Correspondent's letter states that he
knows his organization has been investigated and
inquires what the basis for the investigation may
have been. Correspondent asks what decision may
have been reached about the character of the
organization.

His letter states that the national
chairman has invited the Director to speak at
the national convention in Denver.

Copy of correspondent's letter was
forwarded to Bureau by relet with suggestion that
Bureau may desire to acknowledge at Bureau at the
time the Director acknowledges the invitation to
speak at the national convention of the organization.

Letter to Mr. G. A. Torrez
Acting State Chairman
American G. I. Forum of Kansas
Post Office Box 936
Dodge City, Kansas

Bufiles reflect that American G.I. Forum has been subject of security investigation. Communists have attempted to infiltrate various chapters of the organization and the organization's national chairman has circulated information to the various chapters of this organization warning members against communists and communist fronts and urging members to report any pertinent information to the FBI.

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Honorable J. Edgar Hoover
United States Department of Justice
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington 25, D.C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

I want to thank you again for your very nice and gracious letter of March 21, 1956. Naturally, we are very sorry that you will not be able to address our Conventions. However, we feel that perhaps someother time we will have this great pleasure and honor.

Naturally, we will try to get another speaker, but we feel certain that no other Speaker would receive the reception and welcome that such a fine Citizen of your ability and honesty would have received from this group of the American GI Forum.

Again, let me thank you for your kindness, and attention, and let me again congratulate your Department and your-self for the fine work that you have done in the past and that you are doing now. I believe that without the Federal Bureau of Investigation, this Country would have been over-run by Communistic activities and infiltration. The fact that it is now practically free of this menace, is in our opinion, due to your Department and yourself.

Respectfully yours,

Hector P. Garcia, M.D.
National Chairman

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Veterans Family Organization

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Attorney General's Department
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington D.C.

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Dear Sirs:

DATE 8/30/85 BY SPUBJA/1mw

The American G.I. Forum will possibly organize some more of our groups in Utah under the guidance and direction of some of our officers in Ogden and Salt Lake City.

We are writing you this letter because we know that [redacted] has been in Bingham Canyon, Utah trying to organize the people there into one of their groups "The Colorado Committee to Protect Civil Liberties."

We will move into Bingham Canyon because we feel that we owe our Country a duty trying to keep our American people of Mexican origin from falling into the clutches of the Communistic groups.

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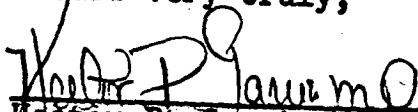
Our National Chairman, Mr. Vicente Ximenez, Gabaldon and Mountain Rd. N.W., Albuquerque, New Mexico, the National Board of Directors and myself, believe that with your help and guidance we could try to stop the communistic encroachments into our groups.

We have instructed [REDACTED] b7C
and [REDACTED] to submit you a copy of all the application for membership in this organization from Bringham Canyon, Utah. That is if we are successful in getting organized there.

If there are any suggestions or recommendations that you would like to make to our organization, please feel free to do so. We know you have a job to do and are doing a fine job. We realize that we are taking a risk in setting up a group in Bringham Canyon but if we can block the Communist or Commnistic sponsored groups in any way, we feel that the risk is worth-while.

With our faith in God and in our Country, and with the protection and guidance of the F.B.I. we feel that we can take care of the situation.

Yours very truly,


Hector P. Garcia, M.D.
Chairman Board of Directors

HPG/vb

Encl.

cc: Federal Bureau of Investigation, Continental Bank Bldg. Salt Lake City, Utah
Federal Bureau of Investigation, Federal Bldg., Corpus Christi, Texas
Mr. Vicente Ximenez, National Chairman, American G.I. Forum, Gabaldon and Mountain Rd. N.W., Albuquerque, New Mexico
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AMERICAN G.I. FORUM
OF UTAH

The following information is furnished in regard to organizing in Bingham Canyon, Utah.

Bingham Canyon is a copper mining community with a population of approximately 7,000, of which a large majority are of Spanish extraction. Some thought has been given to organizing a Forum group there, however, the following is furnished for any delay:

A. References:

1. [REDACTED]
2. [REDACTED]
3. My letter to the Federal Bureau of Investigation dated 17 September 1955.
4. Letter to Dr. Garcia dated 18 October 1955.
5. Letter from Dr. Garcia dated 19 October 1955.

B. The foregoing references alerted [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] to further investigate Bingham Canyon prior to taking any action to organize there. The following information is derived from the investigation:

1. [REDACTED]
2. That there exists an organization called Sociedad Mutualista Mexicana De Miguel Aleman. (SMMDMA). Said group was originate in Mexico and some of the residents started it in Bingham Canyon, sole for the purpose of gathering socially. Membership is restricted to men and the present group consists of approximately 75 members. [REDACTED]

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AMERICAN G.I. FORUM
OF UTAH

September 17, 1955

Federal Bureau of Investigation
Continental Bank Building
Salt Lake City, Utah

Gentlemen:

I would like to inform you of an organization which has recently been organized in Salt Lake City and which is a part of a national organization called the American G.I. Forum.

The enclosed literature will give you some information about this organization.

Since the Salt Lake City group is now in its infant stage it needs the cooperation and protection of activities such as the F.B.I., particularly in regard to any subversive elements which could possibly endanger this group.

I am presently concerned after receiving a letter from [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

I do not know either [REDACTED] b7c

Also enclosed is a list of the names and addresses of the officers of the Salt Lake City Forum.

Your cooperation and action deemed necessary will be appreciated.

Sincerely,

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Dr. Hector P. Garcia
Chairman, Board of Directors
American G. I. Forum
3024 Morgan Street
Corpus Christi, Texas

Dear Dr. Garcia:

Your letter dated July 14, 1956, with
enclosures has been received. Your observations
and the motives which prompted your communication
are indeed appreciated.

While I would like to be of assistance
to you, I must advise that my official position
precludes me from rendering help, guidance, sug-
gestions or recommendations to your organization.
I am certain that upon reflection you will under-
stand the wisdom and necessity of such a policy.

In the event you receive additional
data which you believe to be of interest to this
Bureau, you may desire to communicate directly
with the Special Agents in Charge of our Houston
or Salt Lake City Offices located at 800 Federal
Building, Houston 2, Texas, and 301 Continental
Bank Building, Salt Lake City 2, Utah.

Sincerely yours,
J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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Corpus Christi, Texas

SACs, Houston, Salt Lake City and Dallas:

Correspondent's letter refers to efforts of

[redacted] in
Bingham Canyon, Utah, in trying to organize people
there into one of "their groups." He sets forth
that with the Director's help and guidance "we
could try to stop the communistic encroachments
into our groups." Also if there are "any suggestions
or recommendations that you would like to make to
our organization, please feel free to do so."

Enclosures to correspondent's letter are as
follows: b7c

Copy of a letter by [redacted]
[redacted], American G. I. Forum (AGIF),
which pertains to [redacted]
[redacted]

Copy of a letter dated 9-17-55 directed to
the Salt Lake City Office from [redacted]
which refers to [redacted]
[redacted]

Offices receiving this communication are
cognizant of the investigation being conducted in
connection with Communist Party efforts to control
and dominate various chapters of the AGIF.

Inasmuch as correspondent's letter indicates
copies were sent to FBI, Salt Lake City, and FBI,
Corpus Christi, Texas, his letter and enclosures are
not being reproduced unless desired by offices
receiving instant letter.

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Chairman, Board of Directors
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Salt Lake City and Houston should consider instant information, together with any information submitted directly to their offices, in connection with the investigation of Communist Party infiltration of chapters of the AGIF.

Bufiles contain no pertinent additional information not already known to offices receiving this letter regarding individuals referred to in correspondent's letter.

NOTE ON YELLOW:

Bufiles denote certain chapters of AGIF have been subject of security investigation. Communists have attempted to infiltrate and the correspondent has circulated information to various chapters of AGIF warning members against communists and communist fronts and urging members to report any pertinent information to the FBI. Previous cordial correspondence with Garcia.

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Office of Origin DALLAS	Date 8/17/56	Investigative Period 8/15, 16, 17/56
Report made by [REDACTED]	Typed By EPG	
CHARACTER OF CASE		
<p>MAN G. I. FORUM OF Forum, GI Forum, Forum (Dallas, Texas)</p> <p>INTERNAL SECURITY - C</p>		
<p>AGENCY WJL REQ. REC'D 8-22-56 REP'T FORW. 8-22-56 BY WJL</p>		

Instant organization is presently not controlled by CP members, but CP members, ~~and~~ continue to have interest in the affairs of the ~~organization~~ of instant organization and attend its meetings.

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DETAILS: At Dallas, Texas

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